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SUBJECT: BANGLADESH DELEGATION TO COLOMBO NAM

1. MFA OFFICIALS HAVE TOLD US "INFORMALLY" THAT PRESIDENT SAYEM IS EXPECTED TO HEAD THE BANGLADESH DELEGATION TO THE COLOMBO NAM. THE BDG DOES NOT INTEND TO ANNOUNCE THE PRESIDENT'S PARTICIPATION BEFOREHAND. OTHER MEMBERS OF THE BDG DELEGATION WILL BE:

- A) FOREIGN SECRETARY TABARAK HOSSAIN
- B) ADDITIONAL FOREIGN SECRETARY M.A. CHOUDHURY
- C) A.R.S. DOHA, BDG AMBASSADOR TO IRAN
- D) M. RASHID AHMED, ODG AMBASSADOR TO YUGOSLAVIA
- E. REAZ RAHMAN, DIRECTOR FOR INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION, MFA
- F) MAHMUD ALI, DIRECTOR FOR INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC AFFAIRS, MFA

THE DELEGATION IS EXPECTED TO LEAVE FOR COLOMBO AUGUST 6. IT HAS NOT YET BEEN DECIDED WHETHER ONE OF THE THREE DEPUTY CHIEF MARTIAL LAW ADMINISTRATORS OR ANY OF THE ADVISORS (I.E., CABINET MINISTERS) WILL ACCOMPANY PRESIDENT SAYEM. PRESIDENT SAYEM WILL BE ACCOMPANIED BY THE USUAL ENTOURAGE OF A HEAD OF STATE, AND THE MFA IS SENDING AN OFFICIAL FROM ITS EXTERNAL

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2. FROM OUR EXPERIENCE, MEMBER OF DELEGATION WHO MIGHT BE MOST WILLING TO TALK WITH U.S. OFFICIALS IS REAZ RAHMAN. HE IS, IN EFFECT, THE WORKING LEVEL OF MFA IN PREPARING FOR COLOMBO NAM, RESPONSIBLE FOVR DRAFTING SPEECHES AND BRIEFING PAPERS. RAHMAN HAS SERVED IN THIS CAPACITY AT MFA FOR ALL INTERNATIONAL FORA FOR AT LEAST THE PAST THREE YEARS. HE IS ONE OF THE MOST IMPRESSIVE MFA OFFICIALS, A REASONABLE AND ARTICULATE DIPLOMAT WHO IS KNOWLEDGEABLE ON THE ISSUES AND THE VARIOUS CONFLICTING POSITIONS.
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